

DECISION IN FAVOR OF NEWPORT NEWS

Interstate Commerce Commission Holds That Rates Are Discriminatory.

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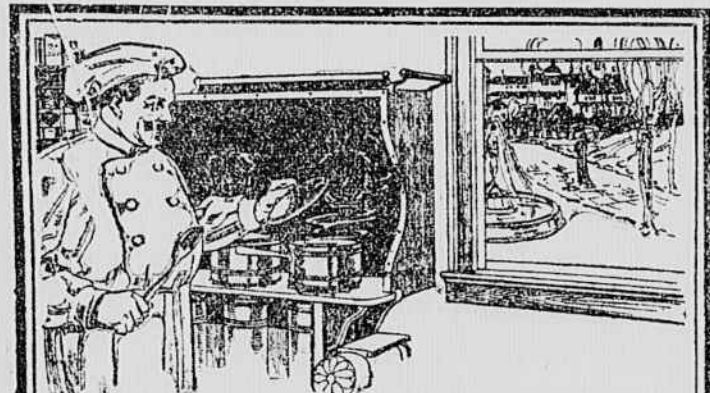
Suggested That Point of Interchange Should Be at Richmond.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Washington, May 10.—In the case of the Chamber of Commerce of Newport News against the Southern and other roads, the Interstate Commerce Commission today rendered an opinion holding that Newport News is much discriminated against in favor of Norfolk by reason of the fact that the rails of Southern carriers do not enter the former place.

Under an arrangement between defendants, in force for a number of years prior to July 31, 1893, Newport News and Norfolk took equal freight rates to and from common points in Associated Railways territory and in Southeastern Freight Association territory. Because of a disagreement as to divisions of the joint rates, the Southern lines withdrew from the arrangement, and since that time Newport News rates to and from such common points have been on a higher basis than Norfolk rates to and from the same points. The Southern lines do not extend to Newport News, but by means of their connections with other defendant lines, they participate in Newport News traffic to and from the South, maintain through routes for the movement of such traffic, and in effect control the rates applicable thereto.

There are certain points in Virginia to which are applied what are known as "Virginia rates" because of competitive conditions existing at those points. The Interstate Commerce Commission has held that the rates to and from local stations on its own lines, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Portsmouth, Norfolk, Norfolk and West Point, only the Southern Railway, however, reaches West Point, but it has extended "Virginia rates" from West Point to practically all common points in the association territory. Norfolk, Portsmouth, Portsmouth, Norfolk, Norfolk and West Point, only the Southern Railway, however, reaches West Point, but it has extended "Virginia rates" from West Point to practically all common points in the association territory. Norfolk, Portsmouth, Portsmouth, Norfolk, Norfolk and West Point, only the Southern Railway, however, reaches West Point, but it has extended "Virginia rates" from West Point to practically all common points in the association territory.

The chief reason urged by the Southern carriers for not giving "Virginia rates" to Newport News is that there is no competition to compel such action. But the same situation exists at Roanoke. There is no competition to compel the Southern lines to maintain "Virginia rates" from that point to points beyond the



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terms of the Carolina extension of the Norfolk and Western.

The decision of the commission is expressed as follows: 1. That the present rate situation is unjustly discriminatory against and unduly prejudicial to Newport News.

2. That the Southern carriers cannot escape responsibility for such discrimination merely because their rails do not extend to Newport News.

3. That Newport News is entitled to the same rates as Norfolk to and from common points on defendants' lines in the territories referred to, not within 150 miles of Norfolk.

The commission says: "The record contains suggestions that in the event joint rates should be established as prayed, the point of interchange should be at Richmond, instead of Norfolk. We think this is a matter which the carriers should determine for themselves. If the carriers cannot agree among themselves, the commission will determine the matter." Nothing further will be done until June 1.

SHARP FIGHTING OCCURS

Clash of Vanguard Turning From Skirmish to Desperate Battle. Escalon, Mex., May 10.—Sharp fighting occurred throughout the day between the main bodies of the Federals and insurgents near Escalon, with no decided advantage to either side. Couriers to General Orozco's headquarters said that the fight has been in progress for thirty-six hours, and indications are that it will be several days before it is decided. The battle field ranges over twenty miles of desert plain southeast from Coahuila, in front of Torreon.

MAYOR GAYNOR ON HIS LONG ISLAND FARM



Mayor Gaynor doing the chores on his farm.



Mayor Gaynor practicing the "turkey trot" with one of the gobblers on his farm at St. James, Long Island.



Mayor Gaynor, of New York, making friends with the live stock on his farm. Copyright, American Press Ass'n.

URGES REVISION OF PATENT LAWS

President Taft Sends Special Message to Congress on Subject.

HOUSE PASSES PENSION BILL

Will Increase Rolls About \$30,000,000 a Year—Goes to President.

Washington, May 10.—President Taft today took a decided step toward revision of the patent laws when he sent a special message to Congress asking for authority to appoint a commission to recommend revision of the patent laws to meet modern conditions and provide a way to meet the recent "patent monopoly" decision of the Supreme Court. The patent laws have remained practically unchanged since 1836.

The President gave several reasons to show the need for a change. He referred to the recent "patent monopoly" decision of the Supreme Court, through which users of a certain machine were compelled to buy from the company which sold the machine a certain kind of ink for use with it, and enumerated five other reasons which he said demanded revision of the patent laws. The first was that large corporations bought patents for improvements and suppressed their manufacture. "The public," said the message, "never receives the benefit of such inventions during the life of the patent."

The President referred to the patent laws of other nations and wrote: "It is worthy of careful consideration, whether or not legislation on some such lines should be enacted to prevent the patent laws from being made the basis of unjust monopoly extending beyond the legitimate protection to inventors required to promote science and the useful arts, or the means of stifling improvement and the progress of the arts."

The President urged that procedure under the patent laws be simplified, and that the burden of proving the invalidity of a patent be placed upon him who would infringe upon it. In conclusion the President wrote: "Great care should be taken in any revision not unduly to interfere with vested interests which have been properly created under the existing laws, or to impair the efficiency of a system from which so much benefit has been derived by the country."

The House today passed the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, carrying \$32,752,341, an increase of \$236,269 over the total.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast for Virginia—Increasing cloudiness Saturday; showers followed by showers by night; Sunday showers for North Carolina—Local showers and thunderstorms Saturday and Sunday.

Special Local Data for Yesterday		
12 noon temperature	71	
3 P. M. temperature	75	
Maximum temperature up to 8	75	
Minimum temperature up to 5	74	
P. M. temperature up to 8	74	
Mean temperature	73	
Normal temperature	66	
Excess in temperature since March	7	
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1. Excess in temperature	10	
Accum. deficiency in temperature since January	424	
Excess in rainfall since March 1	2.47	
Accum. excess in rainfall since January	2.34	
Local observation S. P. M. Yesterday	62	
Temperature	71	
Humidity	71	
Wind, direction	S. E.	
Wind, velocity	2	
Weather	Clear	

CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.

Place	Ther. H. T. F. Weather.
Albany	70 76 56 Clear
Atlanta	72 84 72 Rain
Baltimore	70 76 56 Clear
Boston	58 68 46 Clear
Buffalo	50 64 44 Clear
Chicago	58 60 48 Cloudy
Cincinnati	70 76 56 Clear
Chicago	58 60 48 Cloudy
Denver	46 58 44 P. cloudy
El Paso	54 64 44 Rain
Galveston	76 76 56 Clear
Hartford	60 70 60 Clear
Havana	82 82 62 Clear
Jacksonville	82 82 62 Clear
Kansas City	60 70 60 Clear
Louisville	76 82 62 Cloudy
Montgomery	80 82 62 Cloudy
New Orleans	76 82 62 Rain
New York	68 76 56 Clear
Norfolk	66 76 56 Clear
Oklahoma	66 76 56 P. cloudy
Pittsburgh	70 76 56 Clear
St. Louis	74 82 62 P. cloudy
St. Paul	62 70 60 Cloudy
San Francisco	52 60 48 Clear
Savannah	72 80 60 Clear
Spokane	50 60 48 Clear
Tampa	84 90 74 P. cloudy
Washington	76 82 62 Clear
Wilmington	64 76 56 Clear
Wichita	68 76 56 Clear

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WILL FIGHT HARD TO WIN IN OHIO

(Continued From First Page.) President. The vote was announced as follows: Underwood, 68,273; Wilson, 53,566; Clark, 882; Harmon, 411. County chairmen will be notified of the result, and will select not later than May 21 delegates to the State convention on May 29 from among the "known friends and supporters" of Mr. Underwood. The committee adopted a resolution recommending the adoption of the Australian ballot system by all county committees in all future primary elections.

FINALS AT RANDOLPH-MACON WOMAN'S COLLEGE AT LYNCHBURG

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Lynchburg, Va., May 10.—The finals at Randolph-Macon Woman's College will begin June 1 and continue until June 4, ending with the usual alumni reunion during the afternoon of that day. The class of 1912, comprising sixty-two young women, is the largest in the history of the institution, ranking last year's class, up to that time the largest in the school's career, at ten or twelve.

The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered on the morning of Sunday, June 2, by Bishop James H. McCoy, of Birmingham, Ala., and the address to the graduates will take place in the forenoon of Tuesday, June 4, by President Henry N. Snyder, of Wake Forest College.

With an enrollment of about 500 the school this year is the largest on record.

SHOULD NOT 'ROOST IN TIERS

Health Official Condemns Flimsy as Places of Residence. Chicago, May 10.—Secretary E. R. Pritchard, of the department of health, in an address before the State Microscopical Club last night, declared that God never intended that His children should live in tiers. "The world, through improved methods of transportation, is growing smaller, but it is not yet so small that people are required to 'roost in tiers of five and six,'" he said. "The subject was 'The Public Health and the Problem of the Health of the Nation.'"



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Way last January the present was decided upon, and a friend of the prominent gentleman requested the Burdette Clipping Bureau, of New York, to watch every paper in America and to take up every item which appeared concerning the man.

The history ends just after election, and the 20,642 newspaper items found include everything from a three-line editorial mention to full-page illustrated stories. There have been mounted on 3,200 great sheets of Irish linen paper and bound into three massive volumes.

At the head of each item is the name and date of paper clipped from, the information having been put in with a black ink writer. The words thus inserted amount to 15,222.

In actual time a very strict record of which has been kept, the work has been done in four working days throughout the year, and has kept in employment during that time thirty people, as readers, clippers, sorters, mounters and paper in America and to take up every item which appeared concerning the man.

This is merely a specimen of some of the unique orders which get into the Burdette Bureau for the extent to which clippings are used by individuals and by business concerns seems to be remarkable.

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PRAISE FOR MEN OF CONFEDERACY

Interesting Memorial Day Exercises Held at Many Places.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Hampton, Va., May 10.—The Confederate organization of Hampton this afternoon observed memorial services in St. John's Cemetery. Rev. William A. Brown, of Portsmouth, was the orator of the occasion, and he delivered a splendid address on General Robert Edward Lee. The exercises were followed by the presentation of crosses of honor to a number of veterans by Judge Edgar E. Montague, on behalf of the Daughters of the Confederacy.

The assembly was large and included many organizations, school children, the Wilmington Light Infantry and Boys' Brigade. The orator of the day was Hon. L. R. Varner, and he delivered an eloquent and stirring address. The assembly was especially delightful and added much to the glamour of the event. The chief marshal was George W. Hargins, of Cape Fear Camp, United Confederate Veterans, and the camp was in attendance in a body, being in charge of Lieutenant-Commander R. P. Hamme, in the absence of General James I. Metts, who is in Macon attending the reunion.

Blk Celebration at Durham.

Durham, N. C., May 10.—Durham had the biggest memorial celebration in